Dazzling Array of Beautiful Gifts Given to New Government House

Variety, Magnificence Mark Impressive List

A gilt chair, originally from Her Late Majesty Queen Mary's drawing room on the CPR train when she visited Canada as Duchess of York, will form a part of the furnishings of the new Government House, now nearing completion.

This news was released late yesterday by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross and Mrs. Ross who decided to publicize the dazzling list of impressive "donations made by a number of citizens and organizations in British Columbia and friends from outside the province."

The gilt chair is the gift of Miss Kathleen Agnew, and among 17 other items she is also presenting an "old French gilt mirror, brought to Montreal from France in 1789 by the Vielliard family, an oval mirror with sterling frame and a round marquetry table, circa 1800.

Col. and Mrs. R. W. Braide and Rear-Admiral and Mrs. J. C. Hibbard of Victoria have combined to present a "pair of Bohemian green and white overlay glass lustres, dated 1850, intended for the drawing room."

Another beautiful gift came from the estate of the late Mrs. John Hart—a Royal Crown Derby dinner service of 108 pieces. Mrs. Lennox-Irving presented a circular linen tablecloth with inserts of Venetian lace with 12 matching napkins. Col. F. M. Steel and Mrs. Steel donated a rare old rosewood French piano inlaid with brass, and Mrs. P. S. McKergow, Vancouver, presented a Turkish silk rug with a picture of Her Majesty Queen Victoria woven into it.

Royal Portraits

The most generous list of gifts came from His Honor and Mrs. Ross themselves.

Among other gifts, His Honor has given Government House the two portraits in oil of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip painted by Arthur Pan of England as well as a Sevres Porcelain Garniture—Bleu de Roi—with painted panels of figures and flowers mounted in ormulu.

Mrs. Ross has donated 87 pieces of antique furniture from a set of six antique Hepplewhite single chairs to 46 dining-room chairs, to a rare pair of Chippendale gilt wall mirrors with original glass, a Sheraton half-circle satinwood side table, a pair of rare Regency ormulu and crystal wall sconces and a pair of antique carved gilt altar candlesticks, 30 inches in height.

A complete list of donations follows:

Miss Kathleen Agnew, Victoria: Old French gilt mirror, brought to Montreal from France in 1789 by the Vielliard family; French oval mirror, sterling silver frame; two old English crystal candelabra; Royal Dresden china comport; dozen large dinner plates with gold pattern; dozen ramekin dishes with matching plates; Louis XV pattern gilt chair; gilt chair, originally from Queen Mary's drawing room on CPR train, when Her Late Majesty visited Canada as Duchess of York.

Also a chair with rattan woven seat and brass inlay; carved Italian walnut pedestal; tall carved pedestal with rosewood base; Three-tiered mahogany dumb waiter, circa 1800; round marquetry table with tip top, circa 1800; old French card table, brass inlay, barrel design; mahogany cupboard, circa 1800, with glass door and brass ornamentation; Italian bronze ornament with three lights; Italian silver incense burner and lamp, hand carved; Viennese light on bracket with bunch of glass grapes.

Paintings, Mezzotint

The late Mrs. Julia C. W. Alderson, Duncan: Two original water colors by Thomas W. Fripp.

Col. and Mrs. R. W. Braide, and Rear-Admiral and Mrs. J. C. Hibbard, Victoria: Pair of Bohemian green and white overlay glass lustres, dated 1850, intended for drawing room.

British Columbia Historical Society, Victoria section: Oil painting, "The Lions" by James Blomfield 1871-1951, who designed the stained glass in the Legislative Buildings and in the 1903-1957 Government House.

John W. Burnham, Pasadena, Calif.: Picture Mac Nab of Mac Nab "After Sir Henry Raeburn"—executed in colored mezzotint by Alfred Skrimshire, circa 1930.

"The Daily Colonist," Victoria: "The End of a Landmark"—On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the "Daily Colonist," the newspaper presented a watercolor of the old Colonist building on Broad Street by Miss Gertrude Snider.

Mrs. Harold S. Foley, Vancouver: Hand embroidered needlepoint bell pull for the royal suite.

Harold S. Foley, Vancouver: Four original oil paintings of B.C. by Thomas Mower Martin, RCA, circa, 1888.

The late Mrs. John Hart, Victoria: Royal Crown Derby dinner service consisting of 108 pieces in same pattern as the Government House dinner service.

R. H. Hiscocks, Victoria: Two dogwood trees and one Camelia shrub for the gardens.

The Provincial Chapter — IODE: Original water color by Thomas W. Fripp—"Pitt River"—framed in gold leaf.

Mrs. Lennox Irving, Victoria: Exquisite circular linen tablecloth with inserts of Venetian lace and heavily embroidered, complete with 12 matching napkins.

Mrs. W. P. James, Vancouver: Oil painting by Canadian artist Mary Riter Hamilton—"Statue of Chopin in Luxembourg Gardens in Paris."

Turkish Silk Rug

Mrs. P. S. McKergow, Vancouver: Turkish silk rug with picture of Her Majesty Queen Victoria woven in it. Made about 1887.

H. MacMillan, Vancouver: Fifteen original water colors of B.C. by Thomas W. Fripp.

Mrs. Charles Jay Martin, Victoria: Old Sheffield meat platter with cover and hot water compartment.

Hon. J. Arthur Mathewson, QC, Montreal: Three volumes—"Cook's Third Voyage," and a volume of maps.

Mrs. Jack McElney, Victoria: Portrait in oils of her uncle, the late Hon. Randolph Bruce, by John Gilroy, RA.

A. J. Passmore, Victoria: Large photograph of the late King Edward VII.

Erik Sellars-St. Clare, Victoria: Oil painting of the B.C. Legislative Buildings.

Mrs. Sidney Garfield Smith, Vancouver: Rare old trinket box—made in France after the Capo de' Monte style.

Col. and Mrs. F. M. Steel, Victoria: Upright rosewood French piano, inlaid with brass, made for the Paris Exhibition between 1840 and 1850.

Maj. Harry Walker, Victoria: Copy of Annagoni portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, framed in gold leaf and crimson velvet.

Mrs. R. J. Wride, Victoria: Gilded Christmas wreath.

Donations by the Lieutenant-Governor: Two framed portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and of His Royal Highness Prince Philip by Arthur Pan; framed colored photograph of "The Centennial Searchlight Tattoo" at Empire Stadium, June 23-July 1, 1958; framed aero map of British Columbia.

A Servres porcelain garniture, made in 1838—Blue de Roi—with painted panels of figures and flowers mounted in ormulu, consisting of three pieces: Clock with urn surmount and cherubs in relief, measuring 31 inches high and 30 inches wide; and a pair of oviform vases with scroll ormulu handles measuring 36 inches high, 19 inches wide and 15 inches in depth. This set is intended for the mantelpiece and sides of the fireplace in the entrance hall.

Donations of antique furniture by Mrs. Frank M. Ross: Pair antique Chippendale chairs; set of six antique Hepplewhite single chairs; pair Victorian low tub chairs; mahogany armchair; three antique Sheraton mahogany single chairs; eight antique mahogany armchairs; two Hepplewhite chairs; 46 dining room chairs.

Pair antique inlaid Queen Anne mirrors; gilt-frame convex mirror, antique, plain; antique oval carved gilt mirror; antique gilt convex mirror with large ornament; rare pair Chippendale gilt wall mirrors with original glass; carved gilt overmantel mirror; pair gilt panel mirrors; antique mahogany wall mirror; antique mahogany "D" end table with extra leaf, inlaid band round top; carved side table with drawers; inlaid mahogany half-circle table with plate glass top; two mahogany low occasional tables on shaped supports with brass castors.

Fine hand-painted and decorated Sheraton half-circle satinwood side table; antique mahogany half-circle card table; antique inlaid mahogany dining table, on massive pedestal; antique mahogany table with one drawer folding top; dark mahogany coffee table on pedestal; mahogany occasional table on pedestal; antique round table on pedestal; mahogany circular table, brass castors; antique mahogany tip-up table, on pillar; antique mahogany round table on pillar; round-top occasional table; inlaid mahogany library table; Sutherland table; antique inlaid mahogany half-circle card table; antique mahogany side table—eight feet long; antique inlaid Sheraton card table; carved gilt table.

Old carved gilt table; antique mahogany table with drawer; antique mahogany Pembroke table; Chippendale table with fluted legs and stretcher; old walnut drawtop table; antique mahogany round table on pillar; Empire design table with drawer, walnut; mahogany Sutherland table; antique inlaid mahogany sofa table with glass top; mahogany Pembroke table with drawer; inlaid shell mahogany Pembroke table; two six-foot mahogany Adams' design side tables with three drawers, on square tapered legs; antique oak Jacobean table with drawer; oak drawleaf table on bulbous legs; oak dining room table with leaves; mahogany bow-front corner cabinet; mahogany corner cabinet; mahogany corner cupboard.

Inlaid mahogany bedside cabinet; inlaid bedside cabinet; antique mahogany chest of four drawers; antique mahogany French design chest, with round brass handles; large Flemish antique five-drawer chest; rare antique mahogany secretaire-bookcase; large Jacobean oak wardrobe with drawers below; antique oak chest, carved front; carved oak chest; oak court cupboard; Jacobean oak court cupboard; two antique mahogany writing desks; pair rare Regency ormulu and crystal wall sconces; pair gilt altar candlesticks; pair 30-inch antique, carved, gilt altar candlesticks; pair gilt wall brackets, three-light.

Pair old Sheffield and wood ornaments; pair antique silver gilt ornaments; old china jardinere and two plates; pair china vases and covers; blue and white china; antique Adam's mantlepiece for the small drawing room; pair hanging lanterns; pair antique mahogany knife boxes, fitted as stationery cases; antique inlaid mahogany dumb waiter; antique mahogany brass-bound cellarette; antique mahogany Canterbury; oak sideboard; antique oak settle; and a carved oak seat.

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Impressive and generous list of donations to new Government House has been made by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross and Mrs. Ross. Here Mrs. Ross stands before portrait of Queen Elizabeth painted by Arthur Pan of London, one of her many gifts to new Government House. This portrait, along with one of Prince Philip, formed part of furnishings for vice-regal suite at the Empress Hotel when Princess Margaret stayed there last summer.

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Another generous donor to Government House is Miss Kathleen Agnew, well-known for her philanthropic gestures.

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Decorations Festival Netted $650

More than $650 was realized at the Festival of Decorations staged by the WA to the Family and Children's Service, it was announced at a WA meeting in Spencerhouse.

These funds will go toward furnishing Howe House, a group foster home for girls.

It was decided to hold the annual Spring Ridotto in May.

Mrs. C. Parrot and Mrs. H. Brown were elected to the nominating committee.

Public Speaking Topic of Speech

A man who was a student, an instructor and a director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce public speaking course will be guest speaker at the annual dinner of the group Thursday.

Donald E. C. Anderson, city lawyer, will discuss the course and other speakers will be drawn from the 1958 class. The dinner will be held in the Monterey Restaurant, beginning at 6.30 p.m.

Monthly meeting of the Victoria Junior Catholic Womens' League will be held at 8 p.m. today at the home of Mrs. R. Desilet, 370 Kerr Avenue.

Injured Mother Gives Birth

PITTSBURGH (CP) — Mrs. Francine Gasper, 33, of Elizabeth, Pa., gave birth to a baby girl here 12 hours after she was wounded by a .22-calibre rifle. Mrs. Gasper accidentally shot herself while chasing stray dogs from her farm. Mother and daughter were reported in good condition.

Housewife Chases, Nabs Car Thieves

VANCOUVER (CP) — Mrs. Eva Yohimas is an attractive and petite 19-year-old wife of a Vancouver traffic officer. But in time of emergency, she's a woman of action.

When the family car was stolen Sunday, she hopped into her mother's car and started a hunt for the vehicle. She found it, trailed it for five blocks and then blocked it in an alley.

While her mother went for assistance, Mrs. Yohimas kept six juveniles at bay. All were charged with theft.

Mrs. Yohimas said later three of the boys started to run from the scene. They returned to argue with her. She said she kept the boys arguing until the police arrived.

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There is still room for further consignments as all four sales areas will be used for this auction.
Those wishing to dispose of articles are requested to make arrangements by the 22nd in order that cataloguing may be completed.
Scheduled for this auction are the estates of the late Mrs. Grace F. McDermott (including the car, jewelry and grand piano), Mrs. P. Z. Caverhill and others.; also for L. A. Rooper, Esq., Mrs. W. J. King, who is taking up apartment residence, and other clients.

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